

General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 5434

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by: (HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING PROCESSING OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 17b-105d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- 3 (a) The Department of Social Services, in conjunction with the 4 member agencies of the Child Poverty and Prevention Council, [may]
- 5 <u>shall</u> work with local governments, institutions of higher education,
- 6 community action agencies and other entities to continue and expand
- 7 efforts, within available appropriations, to enroll eligible individuals in
- 8 the supplemental nutrition assistance program and to enroll eligible
- 9 supplemental nutrition assistance participants in education,
- 10 employment and training activities.
- 11 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall conduct community
- 12 <u>outreach to assist persons applying for benefits under the</u>
- 13 supplemental nutrition assistance program by directing existing
- 14 employees of the Department of Social Services to provide such
- 15 <u>assistance at community action agencies, hospitals and community</u>

- 16 <u>health centers.</u>
- 17 <u>(c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall designate a sufficient</u>
- 18 <u>number of existing employees of the Department of Social Services to</u>
- 19 process applications for the supplemental nutrition assistance program
- 20 to ensure such applications are processed in a timely and accurate
- 21 <u>manner</u>.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2011	17b-105d

Statement of Purpose:

To maximize the number of SNAP applications submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture, to maximize the amount of federal dollars eligible persons in the state receive under SNAP and to maximize the state's potential to receive performance bonus dollars.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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